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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON STATUS OF TRADE
BILL

REF: LONDON 12774, BONN 6014 (APRIL 28, 1972)

1. WE STRONGLY SECOND EMBASSY LONDON'S REQUEST FOR
REGULAR SUMMARIES OF THE PROGRESS OF THE TRADE BILL.

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2. IN THIS CONNECTION WE WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE OUR

SUGGESTION (FOR EXAMPLE IN REFTTEL) THAT THE DEPARTMENT ASSIGN AN OFFICE PRESUMABLY IN EB SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY FOR KEEPING THE FIELD INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE CONGRESS AS WELL AS THE ADMINISTRATION WHICH HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY. THERE ARE SEVERAL ASPECTS TO THIS TASK. FIRST, THERE IS THE ONE OF SYSTEMATICALLY REVIEWING KEY DOCUMENTS (COMMISSION REPORTS, CONGRESSIONAL BILLS AND REPORTS, NSC STUDIES AND STUDY REQUESTS) TO SEE WHICH SHOULD BE ROUTED TO POSTS. SECOND, THERE IS NEED TO INFORM POSTS REGULARLY OF THE MAJOR DECISIONS WASHINGTON IS FACING (PERHAPS BY A MONTHLY LISTING OF POLICY REVIEWS UNDERWAY AND SCHEDULED DECISION-MAKING SESSIONS). THIRD, THERE IS THE NEED REPEATEDLY TO RAISE THE QUESTION IN CONNECTION WITH SPECIFIC DECISIONS OF WHETHER AND HOW ASSESSMENTS OF PARTICULAR ASPECTS SHOULD BE REQUESTED FROM SOME POSTS AS AN INPUT TO WASHINGTON DISCUSSION. WE BELIEVE THAT UNLESS SOMEONE HAS SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOOKING AFTER THIS TYPE OF FIELD-POST COMMUNICATION, IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE A SPOTTY PROCESS, WITH THE DEGREE OF COMMUNICATION BEING EXCELLENT ON SOME ISSUES AT SOME TIMES AND COMPLETELY ABSENT ON OTHER ISSUES OR AT OTHER POINTS WHERE BETTER INFORMED POSTS COULD ADD SOMETHING USEFUL TO THE POLICY-MAKING PROCESS.

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